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USDA TO SURVEY PORK PRODUCERS FOR INVENTORIES AND FARROWING INTENTIONS

DENVER, COLORADO – Beginning in late May, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact pork producers and contractors nationwide for the June Hogs and Pigs survey. The agency will survey pork producers for detailed information on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as farrowing intentions.

"Through the quarterly Hogs and Pigs surveys, NASS measures and reports conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year," said Mountain Region Director Bill Meyer. "According to the most recent *Hogs and Pigs* report, there were 65.9 million hogs and pigs in the United States," said Meyer "This is the second largest March 1 hogs and pigs inventory on farms in the United States since records began in 1988. The June survey and resulting report will provide important indicators for the industry of what changes are occurring – if any."

Producers who receive the survey questionnaire in the mail can respond via the Internet, mail or fax. Producers who don't respond in one of those ways will have the opportunity for a telephone or personal interview.

As is the case with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

"By responding to the June Hogs and Pigs Survey, producers make sure that NASS can provide timely, accurate and objective data that all sectors of the U.S. pork industry, including producers themselves, depend on to help make sound business decisions," added Meyer.

Survey results are published in NASS' quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report, scheduled to be released June 26. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information, call the NASS Mountain Region Field Office at (800) 392-3202. For more information about the Hog Inventory survey, visit www.nass.usda.gov and for state specific questions please contact:

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